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Senior officers host monthly forum

by Cindy Aubuchon

On Monday, September 18, the Senior class officers—Doug Kelley, President; Dwayne Leininger, Vice President; Monika Zakrzacki, Secretary; and Andrea Bernardon, Treasurer—held the first Senior Forum of the new school year.

The main topic of the meeting was Graduation. Those seniors present set up several committees. Two of those committees include selecting a speaker to address the senior class and arranging the Baccalaureate Mass.

Selecting a speaker for graduation is a lengthy

process. Seniors submit suggestions to the appropriate committee who, in turn, submit suggestions based on the consensus of the senior class to the Senior Staff Committee. This committee consists of President Shannon, the Vice Presidents, and Professor Allen Berger and Father William Stang as Assistants to the President. Once a speaker is selected and approved by the Senior Staff, an invitation is sent requesting

the honor of the person's presence at commencement as designated speaker.

Some suggestions made during the evening included Gail Sayers, former Chicago Bears' player and major character in "Brian's Song," taped 25 years ago at Saint Joseph's College. Sayers now lives in Waukarusa, Indiana where he is the editor of a small newspaper.

Dr. Parker believes

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Goals planned by administration

by Erin Breetzke

Constant improvement of Saint Joseph's College is always on the agenda. Within the next few months, President Albert Shannon and members of the board of trustees will meet to propose the next campaign goal for

taken under consideration.

"The challenge is to take academics, finances, fundraising, and student affairs, and make each one better and better and better and better all the time," President Shannon commented.

The fundraising for the campaign goal is not necessarily the goal itself. In actuality, such proposals as new athletic equipment, or improvements to residence halls are the goals. The fundraising is simply the fuel for the fire.

With so many different areas of improvements, many decisions take place before setting and announcing the next campaign goal. Comparable to how a bill becomes a law, there are several stages in setting a goal.

[Simply put] "get the vision, set the dollar amount, do a feasibility study [find out

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Core lectures will begin in the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center in November. Photo by Jen Palacek

Banet Core Center Dedicated

by Jeffrey Kirch

"After twenty-six years, the Core program has finally received its due. It has its own building," President Shannon said.

Dozens of alumni, faculty, parents, and students gathered on Saturday, September 30, to dedicate the newly finished Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center.

Several people and groups, associated with Saint Joseph's College, delivered short remarks. Philip J. Wilhelm, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Stephen Wood, Mayor of Rensselaer; Peggy Feinendegen, President of the Parents Association; Richard Vallin, Presi-

dent of the Alumni Association; and Eric McKeown, President of the Student Association all spoke on the dedication of the benefactors, faculty, and students it took to complete this building.

Dr. John Nichols, Core Curriculum Coordinator, invoked the names of several guiding hands in the process of developing the Core program and specifically building the center.

Dr. Nichols mentioned that the idea of a Core program can be traced back to the concept of "collegiality", which was fostered by Vatican Council II.

Fr. Banet, C.P.P.S. also acknowledged the help

of several former faculty members including Fr. William Kramer, C.P.P.S.

The Most Reverend William Higi, bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, preceded to bless the building. Following the blessing, Wilhelm, Fr. Banet, and Dr. Shannon cut the ceremonial ribbon and opened the building for tours.

The building houses ten class rooms, two lecture halls, a computer lab, and faculty offices. In the main lobby, a brick sculpture entitled, "Transformations", is being prepared to symbolize the unification of religion and the liberal arts into a unique display.

Should the College improve living standards for students?

The new Core building was dedicated last weekend, but most students remain apathetic about the upcoming unveiling of Saint Joseph's extravagant improvement to campus. The reasons behind the students' lack of interest are fairly clear. Students don't perceive that the Core building, although a nice addition to the college, will change their lives or enrich the quality of their education in any significant way. Students will take the same classes with the same professors as they would have taken in the science building.

The technological advances in the lecture hall will undoubtedly make lectures more interesting if put to proper use, but the computers, movie projectors, and VCRs will not give students the benefits that improvements in the library, such as better resources, new books and journals, and longer hours would offer them. The Core building will not help students to learn in the way

that more advanced labs equipped with up-to-date laboratory equipment would. These are the advancements that make a difference in a student's education.

The larger classrooms and air conditioning will probably make students more comfortable, but after all, a desk is a desk, and how long is it unbearably hot? The administration should try putting air conditioning in the residence halls if it really wants students to get excited. It is much more difficult to sleep in the heat than to attend classes.

If the College hopes to increase enrollment, the residence halls are where it should concentrate its time and funds. The condition of the dorms is one of the most important aspects of a campus to high school seniors who usually tour several schools before making a college decision.

Residence halls are where students spend the majority of their time over the

four years that they attend school.

I know that when I toured colleges, the dorms were one of the first places I wanted to see, and I honestly did not find the dorms on any other campus as lacking as the residence halls at Saint Joe's. Almost every other college I toured had at least one comfortable lounge with a television and VCR, and most offered a kitchen with a stove and oven and a kitchen table. Some even provide cupboards filled with cooking utensils, pots and pans, and dishes for the students' use.

Needless to say, Saint Joseph's College offers none of these conveniences to its students. We do not even have enough washers and dryers to meet our needs. The residents of Halas and of all the men's dorms would certainly appreciate vending machines in their buildings. Even in Justin Hall, which offers the largest student lounges of any residence hall on campus, the lounges are

not particularly inviting. They are drab and furnished with uncomfortable furniture.

I know from experience that in the winter, after sweating continually through the first few weeks of school, women who live in Halas (and I would assume the men of Gallagher, Noll, and the other men's dorms) must fight sub-zero temperatures if they want to study in the lounges at night. Last year, when I was desperate enough to brave frostbite, I had to wear a sweatsuit and three layers of socks and wrap myself in blankets in order to stop my teeth from chattering as I studied the Romantic Age of British Literature.

The residence halls at Saint Joseph's College are inadequate for the students' needs and comfort, and if the college hopes to increase enrollment in '96, tour guides would be well advised to park students and parents in the Core building and steer clear of the dorms.

--rachel barlage

Editorial: cut in service grants has led to decline in student participation

Last year the Administration decided that service grants were going to be cut from the budget. Service grants were given to students as a form of financial aid and in return the student was expected to do something for the school, such as write for the newspaper, participate in Campus Ministry, etc.

STUFF has been trying to recruit reporters to join our staff this year, but we have been fairly unsuccessful. There is a lack of interest in the student body to do something without incentive. Sure, you can put your experience of working for STUFF on your resume and you may feel a sense of accomplishment for writing a good article, but this doesn't help students fi-

nancially.

Maybe you would like to work for STUFF, but you have to get a part-time job to come up with an extra \$1700. A service grant automatically puts \$1700 dollars towards tuition and gives you more time to pursue an extracurricular activity.

This year there were only a couple of freshmen who decided to work for the paper. We, the Editors of STUFF feel that if we had service grants to offer, we could maintain the size of our staff.

Service grants give students an obligation to fulfill their commitments. STUFF does not have the money to pay its reporters for each article, like other news-

papers do.

In the short run, the College may see more money in its budget. But there are some long term consequences

which the Administration may not have taken into consideration when the decision to cut service grants was made.

--The Editors



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that having the former football star as guest speaker would tie into the 100th anniversary of Puma Football, the 50th anniversary of Bears football, and the 25th anniversary of "Brian's Song."

Other suggestions included the National President of Habitat for Humanity, Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, and John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr.

Suggestions can be given to any of the senior class officers, committee members, or Vice President Parker by e-mail, phone, or in person UNTIL October 15. The deadline has been established in order to send out the invitation to the speaker and ensure his or her availability.

Other graduation issues discussed include the "Religio, Moralitas, Scientia" Awards. These awards are given to nominees by the Senior Class who have influenced them in the areas of Religion, Morality, and Knowledge.

The class also decides on Honorary Doctorates to be given to the guest speaker, a major donor to the college, a humanitarian, and/or a political speaker. Once the nominee has been approved by the Senior class, the nominations go to the faculty and the Board of Trustees for approval.

The officers set up other committees to select a Senior Class Gift for the college and discuss the "Diploma Signing Party" at President Shannon's residence before graduation.

In addition to graduation, President Doug Kelley stated that he was trying to set up a Halloween Costume Party in Core XI and plan other activities for the Senior Class.

If you are interested in attending these meetings, the Senior Class will meet once every month on Mondays at 9 p.m. in Core XI.

Gallagher Charitable Association awarded grant

by Julia Garcia

The Gallagher Charitable Association was recently awarded a \$500 grant from the Pillsbury Foundation. Kurt Krouse, President of the Gallagher Charitable Association, applied for the award in the summer. "The amount of the award was based on the program and the needs of the people that the program would aid," stated Krouse.

The award will benefit underprivileged children in Rensselaer and other Jasper County areas. Most of the money awarded to the Gallagher Charitable Association will go towards the annual Christmas Party. The funds that the association acquires, mostly through dona-

tions, are used to buy presents for underprivileged children who might otherwise not have presents for Christmas. Also, the Gallagher Charitable Association funds a brunch for the parents while Santa Claus passes out the presents to the children. Father Stang, advisor, also helps the association raise funds and buy presents.

The Gallagher Charitable Association receives a list from welfare containing names of children living in low income families. From this list, the association chooses who that are most needy. Because of the lack of sufficient funds, the Gallagher Charitable Asso-

ciation only has enough funds to grant presents to about 70 children. However, with the \$500 Pillsbury Grant, more children will be able to enjoy the Christmas Party.

Aside from expanding the Christmas Party to include more children, the Gallagher Charitable Association also has some other ideas of how the Pillsbury Grant money can be used effectively. Krouse would like to see the association buy a Giving Tree in which all of the children's names are placed on individual ornaments. Because one of the conditions of the award was that the Big Brother/Big Sister program of the Student Volunteer Corps.

also benefit from the \$500 award, Mark Sansone, vice-president, would like to see the Gallagher Charitable Association also sponsor a Lil' Sibs party around Halloween.

According to Jennifer Townsend, treasurer, "we're trying to start earlier this year to raise more money to help even more kids." The Gallagher Charitable Association is one the entire Saint Joseph's College community can get involved in. "It is not limited to people in Gallagher (Hall)...everyone can do more," stated Christopher Zumstein, vice-president.

New all campus fundraising rules introduced

by Elizabeth Lieb

Two new rules concerning sales of items on campus may affect clubs and dorms this year.

This first rule, as listed in the Puma Guide, states, "Fundraising efforts, solicitations in support of projects or programs or service contemplated by clubs or individuals affiliated with Saint Joseph's College must be approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs."

When asked what types of items would not be approved, Maniscalco mentioned T-shirts containing innuendo or vulgarity as one

example. He said these items would "reflect negatively on the college." Students would be asked to "reconsider" their designs.

Senior Heather Lonborg said, "If a club is 'Will administrators walk through the halls looking for students with T-shirts they did not approve?'"

registered with the Activities Office, the college should have some say in how that club represents the school."

However, Lonborg questioned the practicality of enforcing this rule. She asked, "Will administrators walk through the halls looking for students with T-shirts they did not approve?" Maniscalco commented that at this point there had been "no discussion of penalties."

The second new rule involves the purchase of items by groups on campus. The Puma Guide says, "All specialty and apparel items must be ordered through the College Store. This includes cups, pens, shirts for dorms and other SJC organizations."

Maniscalco said that

buying items through the College Store would ensure "standardized logos, colors, and typesets" for anything with the College name on it. He said the bookstore could "beat any price" and offer high quality items.

Homecoming Court announced

The 1995 Homecoming Court was recently announced. Mary Kilmurray and Harvey Culver were crowned Queen and King.

Brigid Boos, Monica Serrani, Stacy Erck, April Thomas, Steve Errington, Kurt Krouse, Rodney Geter, and Jeff Coan made up this year's court.

"Mule" driven by security

by Becky Johnson

Recently, the Security Office started using a new vehicle. They now drive what is known as the "Mule".

"There are many advantages for using the Mule" acknowledged Ernest Watson Jr. Director of Security.

It all boils down to economics. "It's only \$3.50 to fill the Mule compared to \$14.00 in the Security truck. The Mule only needs one oil change a year compared to four changes in the truck,

which already has 68,000 miles on it. Depending on inflation, batteries for the Mule cost around \$500 a shot which isn't that often," Watson said.

The mule might possibly be purchased by SJC when the funds are available.

The Mule would be the ideal equipment for this college to have, not just for security, but also for athletics and other various groups" replied Watson.

Goals--

if people want to pay for the proposed plan], and set a length of time," President Shannon explained.

Because of the size of the institution, many goals are in the making, but in general, there is one main target.

"Our next campaign will likely be launched within the next 18 months and it will have to do with the endowment," Jim Britt, Vice Presi-

dent of Institutional Advancement explained.

With such a broad goal, the fundraising will have to come from such areas as tuition, gifts, alumni, and other donors.

The previous goal was the Centennial Campaign which was a five year campaign to raise 22 million dollars. Set in 1991, this goal will end within the a month.

MJ dedicates her time to SJC

by William Shannon

Who on this campus has time to be involved with organizations both on campus and in town, support our president, tend the campus flora, and still have time to interact with students (and occasionally bring us cookies)? This wholly remarkable person is none other than MJ Shannon.

MJ started her involvement at the college when her husband, and our president, was the Vice President for Academic Affairs. She and Skip served as adult advisors for a spring Kairos retreat. This led MJ to become more involved on campus.

Upon seeing the rather poor condition of the Grotto, MJ decided that something needed to be done to improve this place of prayer and reflection. "I gave the Grotto the TLC that it needed, and it eventually became a group effort."

In her work with the Prairie Arts Council and the Student Volun-

teer Corps, MJ has helped expand and strengthen the ties between Saint Joseph's College and the town of Rensselaer. She calls this "friendraising."

This relationship mutually benefits both parties, and MJ continues to work to bring the school and town closer together.

On a personal level, MJ says "I enjoy spending time with the students." She makes herself approachable to the students, and fully extends the hand of friendship to all.

Service to others, with the above examples as a small sampling, is MJ's main focus in life. Through her service, she hopes to show the true value of service; a value that can have no price. "I hope that when I am judged, that I am judged on goodness and not greatness."

MJ feels that the focus of the spouse of a university or college president should be on helping build good



photo by Jen Palecek

relations between all concerned on campus, and also to set a good example for the student body. An example that sets the tone of "kinship and community" that should be pivotal to any college community.

MJ, certainly, by her service and friendship to others shows a great devotion to this college community and the future of those involved in it. MJ quipped that the initials "MJ" stand for "Many Jobs."

Academic Services offered to students

by Audra Bailey

You've already been in classes for over a month. Your professor is on chapter 5, but you're still lost in chapter 2. You've got a test and a paper due tomorrow. Chill! Everything is all good! SJC has the resources you need- Tutoring Program or the Writing Clinic.

The Tutoring Program is free and available to all students. Tutors are recommended by the faculty and are provided for almost every field of study. Tutors' names and the courses they tutor are posted outside the Counseling Services Office or call the Tutor Board- at ext. 6116.

Chris Cripe, a jack of the tutoring trade, said, "I enjoy being a tutor because I can be of help to my fellow students. The best part is seeing the excitement on someone's face as he or she is coming to know what he didn't before." Cripe recommends tutoring to anyone who needs it. "Students should try it. What do they have to lose? We've got a lot of good tutors."

Computer Science tutor, Jod Firth, also gets a great feeling of accomplishment from seeing the light bulbs light! "If I can help other students understand why they're lost, I'm doing my job," said Firth.

The Writing Clinic is staffed by Cindy Aubuchon, Donna Bossung, and Monica Serrani on Mon. - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tues. - 3:30 to 4:30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wed. - 3:30 to 4:30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thurs. - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The main focus of the Writing Clinic is to help identify and explain any problems of organization, development, or mechanics and to assist students in finding their own solutions to such.

Donna Bossung, English major, recommends the Writing Clinic to anyone who has problems writing and to those who "just want to be sure" they're turning in a good paper. "The Writing Clinic allows me to help other people while perfecting my own literary skills, especially as a future teacher," said Bossung.

"It's a great way to meet new people and help them out," said Monica Serrani, who's been on the staff for a couple of years. "By helping other people with their writing I have improved mine also."

Domestic violence: Students can make a difference

by Rachel Barlage

"A woman is abused every nine seconds in this country." There are more victims of domestic violence, living and dead, than there are AIDS victims, living and dead, in the United States. Anytime a mother is abused her children are also affected in both overt and subtle ways."

These facts illustrate that domestic violence is an immediate concern in our country. Often, when people are faced with statistics such as these, they tend to become discouraged, thinking that they can do nothing to help. However, students at Saint Joseph's College have a unique opportunity to become directly involved in alleviating some of the negative effects of domestic violence on children by becoming volunteers at the Crisis Center.

The North Central Indiana Rural Crisis Center is located in Rensselaer and serves as a shelter for battered women and their children in Jasper, Newton, and Pulaski Counties. In 1994, the Crisis Center sheltered 166 residents, 99 of them children.

According to Sue Blubaugh, who recently took over as Child Ad-

vocate at the Crisis Center, the facility's purpose is to act as an intervention to the cycle of domestic violence by providing referrals to counselors and physicians and offering families a safe place to stay.

Blubaugh, who is also a priest at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Rensselaer and a Core 3 Professor at SJC, said that working at the Crisis Center is her way of taking the church out into the world. She also stated that, "No matter how much you read and hear about these situations, it doesn't really bring the problem home to you until you work with someone who has been affected by it."

The Crisis Center gives students at Saint Joe's an opportunity to help children from abusive homes through direct or indirect service. Indirect service involves doing yard work, building maintenance, grocery shopping, and other activities that do not require interaction with the children at the shelter.

Most students prefer to be involved with the children directly, through babysitting at the shelter, tutoring older children, or acting as a Big Buddy. Direct service requires six hours of training about confiden-

tiality, the effects of domestic violence on children, and the proper way to deal with problems that may come up in a student's interaction with the children. According to Blubaugh, the Big Buddy program "shows children that an abusive relationship doesn't have to be a way of life. It gives kids an ability to experience 'normal' activities."

Sophomore Joe Vorrier participated in the Big Buddy program last year, and he felt that the experience was positive both for his little buddy and for himself.

"It's always nice to see someone with a smile on their face. It basically makes your day to be able to make someone else happy," Vorrier said.

Sophomore Danielle Adams, who has volunteered extensively at the Crisis Center both this year and last year, said, "I volunteer at the Crisis Center because the children need a positive role model and just someone to brighten their day. They've been through so much."

Interested in volunteering at the Crisis Center? Please call Student Volunteer Corps at extension 6235.

Students plan weekend agendas The Zimmer Reviews

by D.J. Heitz

What do "ordinary" Saint Joe students do on the weekends? Ask some people and they will tell you that no such creature exists. Ordinary or not, students here on campus have to do something, right?!

"I usually leave campus on weekends," stated Senior Adam Torreano. "This area does not have a lot to offer to people who enjoy being active outdoors."

Torreano spends a good number of weekends at Purdue University visiting with other friends and his girlfriend. If not there, his free time is spent on his family's property where they are building a cabin house.

Junior Eric Ziolkowski said the first half of his weekends are consumed by football. After practice on Friday, the football players eat dinner and later get to-

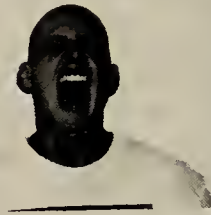
gether to watch a movie. Bed check is around 10:30pm.

"After the game on Saturday, my parents take me out to eat. When they leave, my friends and I like to have some fun. We'll hang out and go out to a few parties," Ziolkowski said.

What do some of the others do, though? One group of girls cheered, "Party like a rock star! The party starts on Thursday and ends Sunday morning with the hangover."

Junior Sarah Knox excitedly told a dormmate, "I went to the best rummage sale in Remington!" She finds all kinds of interesting things and cool outfits at those garage sales, too.

Numerous complaints piled in from the students that Saint Joe is one dead campus on the weekends. Frankly, that is a matter of opinion. Students who make things happen, do not complain about having nothing to do.



by Brian Zimmer

As REM's tour, known to many as operation: OPERATION, rambles through the Midwest, one can't help but feel a sense of history.

The last time this band toured was in support of their album Green, circa 1989 (the album was released in 1988). Granted, they have played for benefits and, of course MTV, but until this year they have stayed away from the world tour scene.

Unfortunately, upon hearing REM's tour dates every Delta Sigma Foo, Alpha Omega Yuck, and every other fraternity and sorority collectively went to buy their tickets in bulk.

With their tickets they brought their sorry ass attitude, and their cherished, follow, don't lead posture. If they weren't busy adjusting their flannels around their waist, they were effortlessly lippping every other word that Michael Stipe sang (and sang beautifully, I should add).

Most of the crowd never attempted to raise a SERIOUS roar for any of the songs with the scant exception of those songs which received heavy radio play. Coincidence? I think not.

The fact of the matter is, that when you make great music like REM, you attract every blood sucking, pop listening, hair spray using, grungy flannel shirt wearing teenybopper or Greek (frat or sorority).

I'm sure part of it had something to do with the fact that the concert was in central Indiana. The truth remains, REM are pop icons.

As I stood there that night (with my fraternity brothers) listening to REM's powerful set, another even more frightening thought dawned on me.....I'm watching MTV!! Still unsure what I'm talking about? Here are two examples.

Each song had a film to accompany it and the films were shown on three sides of the band. Sometimes the films and pictures melded extremely well with the song, but other

times it served no purpose but to distract.

I know I payed \$35 to see REM, not a movie. Are REM so unsure of their stage persona and their ability to entertain that they need more movement, action, and MTV-like effects?

Which leads me to my second question/example. Each song REM performed sounded like the album version, maybe better, but did the visual effects that are used in their videos need to follow them to the show?

It may sound like I had a terrible time with my all ranting and raving, but in truth, it was a pretty good time. I suppose REM is just one of those bands that leaves you thinking after the show.

They did a good job because I haven't stopped thinking about what I saw or heard since. If I had to rate the show, I would give it 7 television screens out of 10. Now for something completely different.....an album review!!!

Red Hot Chili Peppers One Hot Minute These days it seems that the odds of the Chilis doing something wrong are about as likely as hearing WPUM-FM in the cafeteria.

This album is no exception. With guitarist and all around cool-cat, David Navarro on lead guitar how could a group go wrong?

What is great about One Hot Minute, the groups new album, is that the Chili Peppers combine 3 different types of music that they have experimented with over the years.

The heavy, thick guitar thrashfest, the funky anthem, led by flea's bass guitar, and the ballad. They pull it off exceptionally, as only the Red Hot Chili Peppers can.

This Rick Rubin produced work is a must if you are a Chilis fan, if not stayed tuned to WPUM-FM Puma Rock for the best tracks off of One Hot Minute.

I give it 7 steamy, mouth burning, peppers plus 3 or 4 glasses of water to go with it!!!

Students speak out about the "mule"

by Peggy McLeish and Vanessa Mangiaforte

One of this year's changes is the new vehicle called the mule, which is an addition to the Office of Safety and Security. This new vehicle has been seen just about everywhere around campus and has attracted much attention from the student body. The following are comments made by residential students:

"It is extravagant because it seems to be more of a toy than a security tool." —Faith Sievers, senior.

"It is a waste of money. The money used for the mule could have been used for better reasons, such as new lounge furniture or scholarships for needy students." —Mary Bear, sophomore.

"It is okay, but I don't see the point of it. What is the difference between driving to a dorm on the road or the lawn?" —Natalie Bellar, sophomore.

"I feel they (security) abuse the mule to a point of endangering the students. I've seen them (security) zip

around in it obviously traveling at maximum speed. Someday, they may just clip a student." —Brad Gellert, sophomore.

"They (security) already have the security truck. This campus is not big enough a mule as well. They money used for it should be used for scholarships and improving the dorms." —Jenni Smoker, junior.

"I feel the mule is a positive addition because it allows security to get around campus faster in case of an emergency." —James Sedam, sophomore.

Our words:

The mule may have some benefits for security. However, in our opinion, for a school which pleads to have such a little amount of money, the mule is an unnecessary expenditure. Adding to the concern of the students are such incidents as when the mule can be spotted at Taco Bell across the street. (It is a small town, and these things do get noticed.) The mule may be a nice idea, but it seems to only be an expensive novelty.

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Pumas lose Homecoming heartbreaker to Northern Michigan

by Skip Malaski

It is hard to walk off the field with your head held high after a defeat when you know a play here or a play there might have changed the outcome of the game, especially when your play might have meant the difference.

Saint Joseph's lost Saturday 28-14 against the Wildcats of Northern Michigan. A tough Homecoming loss brings their record to 0-4 while the Wildcats go to 4-0. Despite the two teams' records, the Pumas and the Wildcats were very evenly matched.

The Pumas scored first on their second possession of the game. Freshman Bill Krueper, out of the wishbone offense, went off tackle

for the 1 yard score. This was the first time the Pumas have led all season and the only score of the first quarter.

Northern Michigan responded by scoring 28 unanswered points. However, these points were not constructed by Northern Michigan's magical offense unit.

"The name of the game is field position, and we simply did not get it done," commented Coach Tom Riva.

The Pumas had one punt partially blocked that set up a Wildcat field goal and another punt, into a tough wind, that went for only five yards. That punt set up a Wildcat touchdown. Another, was returned for a touchdown.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Pumas tried to rally behind a 35 yard touchdown pass from Freshman Larry Smith to Sophomore Brian Outlaw. The rally was stopped as the on-side kick attempt was shanked and hope was lost with little time left on the clock.

Not everything was negative about the loss. The offense out-rushed NMU 198-108. SJC also had one more first down than the Wildcats.

The defense did an excellent job of containing one of the premiere offenses in the M.I.F.C. Zac Wells, Doug Giordono, Corey Marshall, Steve Kowalowicz, and Tom Scanlan had big days for the Puma defense.

Wells was credited with 15 total tackles. Wells and Scanlan were also credited with one blocked field goal.

One thing that has killed the Pumas this year is the turnover ratio. The offense has not turned the ball over an overwhelming amount. However, the defense has not been able to force a turnover in four games.

Coach Palka is still a firm believer that his Pumas can turn things around and make a name for themselves in the M.I.F.C.

"I am extremely happy with our defensive performance. We definitely made a big jump from this Saturday to last. The offense made that jump the week be-

fore (at Michigan Tech). Now, we have to put both the offense and defense together in the same week along with some good special teams play to put ourselves in a better position to win some football games."

The stands were filled, the beer and brat tent was crowded, but the game was a disappointment for both players and fans.

"I get a little unbearable when we lose," said Junior Zac Wells. "I'm a competitor. I can't stand the fact that we did not come out on top today, but I love these guys. They want to win and play hard."

The Pumas travel to Michigan to face Saginaw Valley October 7th.

Competition alive in I.M. softball

by Kevin Collins and Elizabeth Lieb

Over the past few weeks, competition has been intense on the intramural (I.M.) field. Several of the men's dorms have been competing in I.M. softball games while their fans cheered them on. This year's season proved to be competitive, but still enjoyable for the players.

The '95 I.M. softball season consisted of five different teams, each playing six

regular season games. A tournament was held at the end of the season.

The teams included the Fornicators of Merlini, the Big Daddies of Siefert, the Gallagher Gators, the Bennett first Chia Pets, and the eventual I.M. softball champs the Bennett second M.O.B.

Jason Hunter, I.M. softball director, said, "I felt as though the tournament was anybody's to win. For example, any team that could win by the ten-run-rule one

day and then come back to lose by it the next day had a chance to win."

The final game of the tournament was played on Sept. 28. The Men of Bennett second (M.O.B.) won the title of I.M. softball champs. The winning team was led by captain Darren Haas.

"It was a very competitive season," said Senior Tim Koziatsek, "I don't think Gallagher did as well as we had hoped, but we all had a good time playing."



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An enthusiastic I.M. softball player dives for the ball.

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SJC women's tennis team faces new challenges

By John Osborne

The Lady Pumas Tennis team's success has far exceeded the expectations of most people this season. And that includes the expectations of their opponents, the players themselves and, yes, even their coach John Barrientos.

After a championship season last year that saw the Lady Pumas' Mary Quasney (the region's number one player), Liz Rowden, as well as three of the other top six players graduate, no one gave the team much of a chance to break the five hundred mark, let alone contend for the conference title. But with just two weeks to go before the Great Lakes Valley Tournament, the Lady Pumas are 7-5 overall

and an impressive 6-2 in the conference.

"It was a complete surprise, but one of real pleasure," Barrientos said of his team's current record. "When someone asked me at the beginning of this year how I thought we would do, I said I hoped to be a five hundred team. I especially never expected this kind of conference record."

This skepticism might be due to the fact that the team is comprised of only one Senior, co-captain Lali Morfin (#3 seed), three sophomores, co-captain Manda Hollis (#1 seed), Jill Peterson, and Vanessa Sobolewski, and five Freshmen Jill Orzechoskie (#2

seed), Laurie Hammontree (#4 seed), Andrea Dick (#5 seed), Kim Grote (#6 seed), and Rebecca Fischer. In doubles competition, Orzechoskie teams with Hollis, Hammontree with Morfin, and Dick with Sobolewski. This lack of experience on the court has been the greatest obstacle for Barrientos and the players to overcome.

"I can't put it into words," he said, describing what a loss it was when Quasney and Rowden graduated. "I don't expect freshman to come in and pick up where we left off. This is a rebuilding year, so we have to tread water and wait."

Morfin, who played

with Quasney in high school and in college, felt about the same. "It's a brand new team this year," she said. "There are five freshmen here this year and everyone is having to adjust to new partners and personalities."

The college game is a huge step-up from high school. One of the hardest adjustments for a freshman to make, Barrientos said, is how much tougher the competition is on a consistent basis throughout the opponent's line-up.

Barrientos said, "In high school, the other team had two-maybe three-decent players if they were lucky. In college, all are pretty decent. It's a much higher caliber of

play."

So far, though, the team has been able to answer to that higher caliber. Having lost conference games only to Bellarmine and the University of Indianapolis, they are in great position to capture the title, which will be a team-oriented competition this year. While their coach remains skeptical about taking the conference title, he doesn't hide his pride when opposing coaches compliment his team.

"I've had coaches tell me they (Lady Pumas) don't give up. I tell them (coaches) my team is learning and we're going to make mistakes. They'll get better by experience."

Soccer teams continue their efforts

by Kevin Collins

The men's and women's soccer teams have had their ups and downs this season. Both teams have ten games under their belts and are half way through their seasons. At this point the women have fared a little better than the men. The women are currently 7-3 and 2-1 in the GLVC, while the men are 5-5 overall and are also 2-1 in the conference.

The Lady Pumas recently defeated Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 2-0 on September 21, lost to Quincy 0-3 on the 24th, and defeated Trinity on the 27th. At this point the women are in third place in the conference behind Quincy and Lewis, who both have conference records of 4-0. They will not have the opportunity to face Lewis until October 19.

The offensive leaders for the women's team this year have been Tracee Frost (a junior from Indianapolis, IN) and Allison McDonough (a senior from Spring TX).

They have six and four goals respectively and are among the goal leaders for the conference. Freshman Carol Potts has been one of the reasons that they have been able to score so freely, as she has been leading the team in assists.

Defensively the Pumas have looked very impressive. Especially noteworthy is Junior Denise Hutchinson's work in goal. She has been doing most of the goalkeeping since sophomore Mary Zurek has been out with a knee injury. In her ten appearances as goalkeeper, Hutchinson has given up only five goals and has racked up forty-five saves. She is second in goals given up for the conference. Hutchinson has had a great crew in front of her to prevent any scoring but when someone does slip through the cracks she has been almost impossible to score on.

The men have not had an easy time of it lately, dropping three of their last four

games to Northern Kentucky 1-0, Oakland 6-0, and IUPUI-Fort Wayne 3-2. They did get back on track with a win over Huntington College 2-1 on September 28th. The winning goal in this game came with only fourteen seconds remaining on the clock, when Sophomore Bill Gill connected a pass to Junior Dennis "Bomber" Nowaczyk for the deciding goal.

The bright spots in the Puma offense include sophomore Luke Weiss and freshman Matt Kaiser, who each have three goals. These two players have been playing extremely well and have had a great deal of support from their teammates.

Defensively for the Pumas, Junior Jamie Klunder and Sophomore Chuck Carmody have split the playing time in the net. They each have played five games with Carmody giving up four goals while Klunder has only given up two goals in five games.

The men's team will play Parkside on Oct. 4.

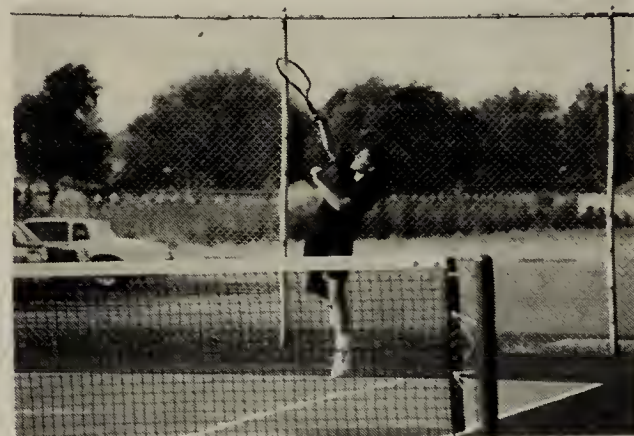


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Sophomore Jill Peterson practices her serve.

Midnight Madness comes to SJC

by Elizabeth Lieb

On Saturday, October 14, the Saint Joseph's basketball teams will hold their first ever Midnight Madness. This event will be the first official practice for the men's and women's teams, and will provide entertainment and prizes for basketball fans.

The event will be held in the fieldhouse, with the doors opening at 11 PM. \$5000 worth of prizes will be given away to the fans. Prizes have been donated by the Detroit Pistons, Chicago Bulls, and the local community. Puma fans will be en-

tertained with music, dancing, and a first look at this year's basketball teams.

At 12:01 AM, the Pumas can officially begin their practice, which will involve scrimmages, drills and a dunk competition.

Although for most colleges, Midnight Madness is an annual event, this is the first one ever for Saint Joseph's College. Center Chad Pulver, senior, commented, "I'm enthusiastic because it's the first Midnight Madness I'm involved with. I'm excited to see how it turns out."

Reflections of Faith Top Ten Ways to Relieve Stress



Photo by Jen Palecek

by Faith Sievers

The September fifteenth SUB-sponsored "Pumapalooza/Battle of the Bands" was quite frustrating.

It was a beautiful, crisp evening- and a Friday at that! Some talented students had been warming up the audience for several hours before NICK LARAMIE AND THE GROOVE (whose drummer, Rob Davis is an alumnus of good ol' St. Joe).

It had just gotten completely dark, and the music had lured even cautious Pumas out of doors. People had finally given in to the groovin' good tunes and were beginning to really lose themselves to the heart poundin' rhythm and blues. (Who can refuse to get down and boogie when someone plays guitar with their mouth?!)

Some of us noticed some flashing lights and perhaps a squad car by the Halleck Center, but we shrugged and turned our attention back to the driving sounds and soulful singing.

Then, in the middle of a song, Karen Schiferl took the microphone and (roughly; don't quote me on this) said, "I'm sorry, but there have been complaints about the noise.... We're going to have to shut down."

There was a resounding "Boo" all around. After standing there for a while incredulously we all schlepped off, complaining the whole time. There were many questions and frustrations voiced.

As students, we

wanted to know how Saint Joseph's College (otherwise known as Collegeville) could fall under Rensselaer jurisdiction. Did Collegeville not exist anymore? We thought some of our mail was addressed as such.

We then wondered whether Collegeville was turned over to or usurped by the City of Rensselaer. We had noticed many police cars patrolling campus. And if St. Joe no longer controlled itself, we wanted to know under whose authority we lost our rights.

As students and members of Saint Joseph's college, we felt we should have some say about what happens to our community. We felt that our rights had been violated. Besides, why did we have security patrol if it was already the job of the Rensselaer Police Department?

Since it was a college sponsored event, and this college is a private institution as far as we knew, we wanted to know why were we not asked to "turn it down" or move indoors instead of told to "shut it down." We pay a student activity fee, and we wanted a refund or an apology.

Oddly enough, I learned later by word of mouth or infamous "Puma Rumor," that we did receive an apology! (At least security and the administration received an apology from the Rensselaer City Police). And so I am formally informing the rest.

The Rensselaer Police had no authority in that matter. They could ask SUB, the administration, "US" to turn it down or move inside, but could do little else besides sue. They came to that realization and made a point to apologize. And I am making a point to pass that apology on to you.

by Kathleen Brass

You know you feel it. You know you hate it. And you're not real sure how to beat it. What is it? STRESS. Stress is that inevitable force that creeps into your life just when you least expect it, wreaks havoc, and makes you have "the crabbies." In other words, it makes you not fun to be around.

After a week that featured a six page paper, two tests, and two quizzes (all of which I didn't have clue one about), I realized that I was truly feeling stress when someone said to me "Hi Kathleen, How are you today?" and I replied "How the *^@# do I look?"

To many of you this negative attitude may seem completely normal, but for me to answer a question with another question is not normal, even though the *^@# is.

This little incident re-

minded me that as we all dig deeper and deeper into the seemingly endless semester, the entire campus will be feeling the negative effects of stress, or what I like to call "the crabbies."

Some of us, including myself, do not like to let life's little problems get us down. We look towards happy reminders and try to avoid killing other people who provoke us. But I realize that not everyone is able to resist the temptation of murder as I am.

For this dilemma I would like to offer my help and maybe a little advice. So, I give to all of you stressed out individuals...

KATHLEEN'S TOP TEN WAYS TO RELIEVE STRESS:

1. Always smile! If you keep smiling it will make other people crazy, and better them than you.
2. Hug a Tree. It sounds

corny, but it helps. (Well, the people who see you do it will get a big kick out of it!)

3. Charge stuff in the bookstore. You get some new stuff, and your parents pay the bill.

4. Draw a funny picture of your worst professor, but make sure s/he does not see it.

5. Listen to the radio at full blast. Just don't do it after quiet hours.

6. Bug someone! This way both of you get a break from studying.

7. Eat. It is something everyone is good at...and no matter how you do it, you can't do it wrong.

8. Have Sex! The same applies as does to number 7.

9. Study. It can't hurt, and it might help.

10. SLEEP! Yes, take yet another nap during the day and dedicate it in the name of stress.

Front Porch Music offers unique experience

by Rachel Barlage

I had never heard of Ellis Paul, but he was playing at Front Porch Music for seven dollars, so I decided to go. Front Porch is a music store in Valpariso that hosts small concerts in the intimate setting of a warm, dimly lit basement.

Several small, round tables covered with beautiful multicolored tablecloths (that I wanted to take home and make into a skirt) are set up around the corner stage, a wooden platform with drips of blue paint hardened on a forgotten side board. Mismatched chairs line a wall, and the coffee mugs that adorn most of the tables are of different colors and designs.

On a door in the small kitchen where coffee, herbal tea, and hot chocolate is sold, hangs a yellow sign that reads: Kangaroo Crossing Next 25 Km. Assorted cookies and candy bars line the white linoleum counter.

The low ceilings are white, and the walls are decorated with artwork that varies from a disturbing sculpture made of doll's heads and tiny hands holding plastic bottles to a multi-colored heart painted on a piece of yellow felt. The room is visually stimulating without being

distasteful.

The autographed photos of artists who have played The Porch have been framed, and they line the top of the walls.

When I walk in with three of my friends, Bob, the white-bearded man selling tickets near the door, asks where we're from. "I don't recognize you," he says as he hands us our tickets. When we tell him we're from Saint Joe's, he gets excited and makes sure that we're all on the mailing list.

Other than my friends and me, all of the people sitting around the tables are over thirty years old until a group of college-aged women walk in just before the opening act begins. Don, the singer who opens for Ellis, has long brown hair and an instinctual sense of humor. He draws the crowd in with his sensitive lyrics and distinctive strumming style.

Don lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and later, I tell him that I live in North Carolina, within walking distance of the Parkway. He says that he loves to visit Blowing Rock, one of my favorite summer hangouts in the mountains.

When Ellis plays, I can feel the emotion breathing in and out of the crowd. I can see it in their feet,

moving in time with the music. He is incredible--so much better than I expected him to be. I listen to the words so hard that between songs I realize that my eyebrows are still gathered in concentration and my muscles are still tense.

The music is powerful. It is almost overwhelming. I feel like crying, laughing, and screaming all at once. Ellis is a poet. He even does a few poetry readings between songs, and I lose my stomach in my shoes. His voice is mesmerizing.

In one moment while he is singing, his fine, soft-looking hair shining golden brown in the lights, Ellis makes eye contact with me. His eyes are blue, set deep in his face, and they let me into his music, into himself.

Before tonight, I have never been to a concert where I actually felt as if I had been able to hear the singer's thoughts. Because of the intimate, creative, and truly unique atmosphere of Front Porch Music and the brilliant lyrics of an up-and-coming folk singer, I was able to have one of the most personal and exhilarating encounters with music that I have ever had.